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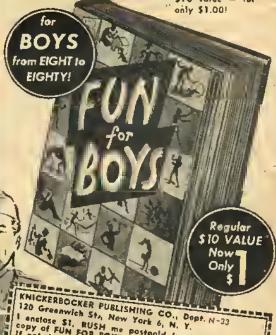
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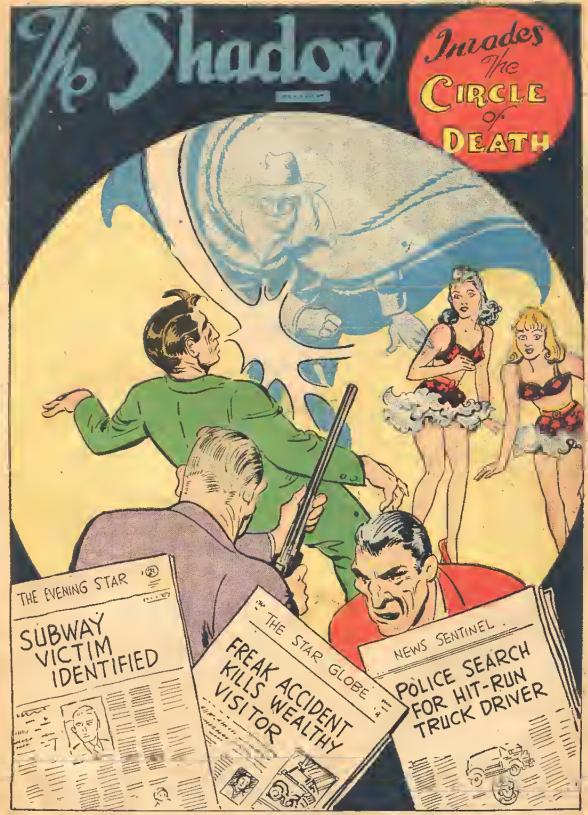


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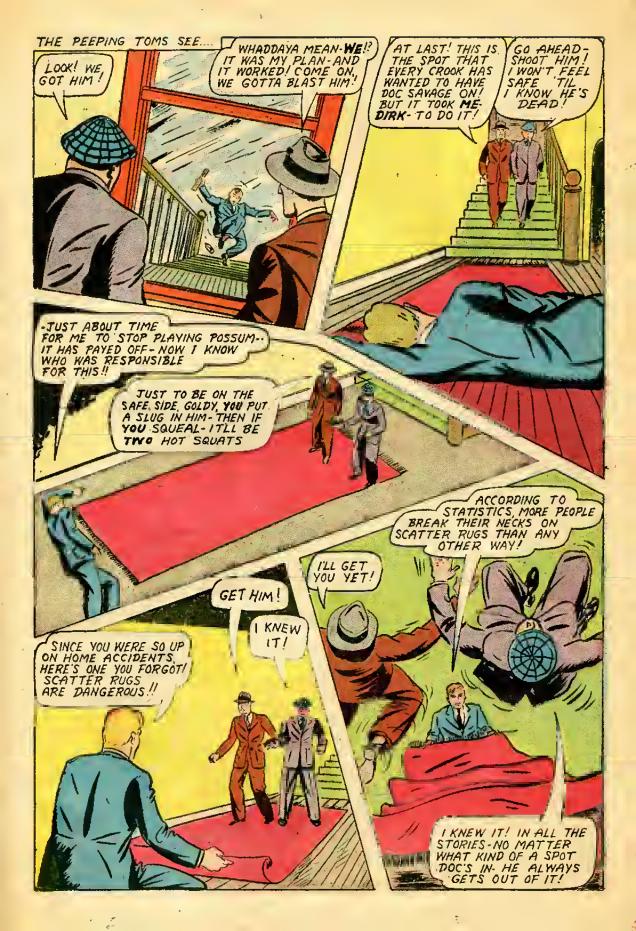






















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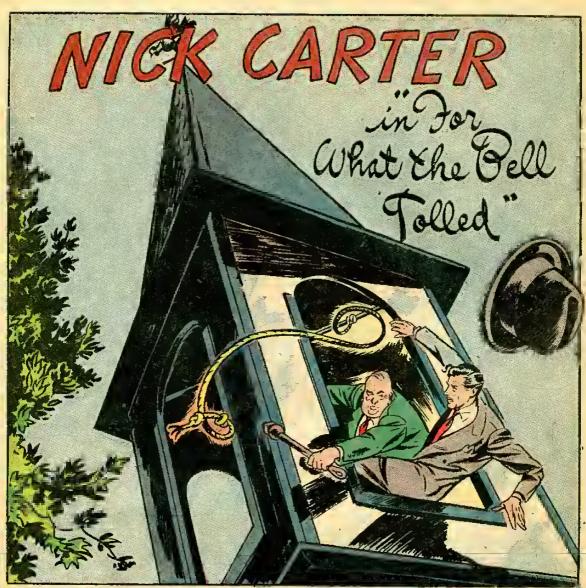
was as nothing compared to the jam Doc and his pals got into when they trailed

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I MUST ADMIT THAT I AM BAFFLED. THERE'S NOTHING TO DO BUT CONTINUE FOLLOWING MR. CARTER, PERHAPS HE CAN LEAD US TO IT!









"THE FUTURE HOLDS . . . DEATH!!"

The papers had been full of the exploits of Nick Carter. The members of the Inner Circle which had been started by Chick Carter but which was being carried on by Nick because of his foster son being in the Air Cadets, were impatient for the appearance of the great man.

Beef and Sue were talking. Sue said, "I wonder what the real story behind the capture of those saboteurs was?"

Beef grunted as he crammed some candy in his mouth. "Dunno, but we should get-the real lowdown from Nick . . . here he comes now!"

The members craned their necks as Nick, tall, lean, perfectly dressed, came in. His black Homburg hat was at a devil-may-care angle, a sure sign that Nick felt well.

He flipped a hand to them in greeting and then was inundated by a flood of questions.

"Whoa!" he called in mock astonishment.
"What is all this? Do I gather that you want the dirt on the Squinting Saboteur?"

Nick smiled at the chorus of yesses. He shook his head. "Gee, I'm sorry. As members of the Inner Circle you'll be the first to get the inside dope. But till the war is over that's just another story without an ending. Security reasons you know."

There was a unanimous groan.

Nick smiled. "Instead, suppose we go back to the last war. I promised last month after I taught you the memory system, that I'd tell you a story about how my memory saved my life. I didn't say that it also saved about ten thousand other lives.

"You may know that the Arab situation was very delicate in the last war. You've probably read about T. E. Lawrence and his exploits in keeping the Arabs on the Allied side. What you can't know because it was kept a secret then, just as my story now, must be kept a secret, is the way the Gernians tried to start a Jehad!"

Beef was puzzled and looked it. Nick smiled at Beef's furrowed brow. "A Jehad," said Nick, "is a holy war. It was the one thing that could have joined the various warring Arab tribes into one army whose aim was the wiping out of the Allies. It really was a ticklish situation. The British Intelligence service was in a swivet about the reports that kept coming in.



"Tribe after tribe was supplied with guns and ammo. Tribe after tribe joined forces, some of them for the first time in their history! Soon we knew there would be no holding them and those savage Arabs had but one battle cry. It was 'Kill or be killed!' and they meant it!"

Sue interrupted. "What set all this off? What made them all join forces?"

Nick said, "That was our problem. We knew that it must have been something pretty strong but we had no idea what. Then one day...a man...a hero...who had gone out disguised as an Arab, came staggering back into our camp, he was mortally wounded. We ran to his side as he finally fell. He gasped, 'Letter, wise man...' That was all. That was the end. He died in our arms.



"Our only clue then was that we knew a letter somehow entered the set up. But what letter and what wise man? Intelligence put every man it had to work on the problem. We finally found out who the wise man was!

"As a matter of fact I found him. I had heard disturbing reports about a wise man who was foretelling the end of the reign of the white man in the desert. I went to see him, disguised as an 'Arab.

"I had a strange sensation as I sat listening to him. He was tall and had a strong hooked nose. On the surface he seemed more Arab than the Arabs but I had a hunch, that if he and I were both dunked in a shower, well . . . I imagined that his makeup would come off, too!

"He spoke Arabic beautifully. But what he said was not beautiful. It was ugly. He cursed every white man, he called on them for unremitting and merciless slaughter. Oh, he went on at a great rate. Then . . , it came. He said. 'You have seen the prophecy I made so many years ago. The prophecy in which I foretold the bloody desert war of 1902. Just as I was right in foretelling the future then, just so am I right now when I tell you . . . you cannot lose! Go out and kill!' He said more, much more, but I was lost in thought.

"You see," said Nick, and he smiled at the members, "I don't believe in people being able to foretell the future. For the first time I was hopeful that there was a way out of this mess that the fortune teller had started. That night I crept more quietly than any Indian brave ever did, across the sand to the tent of the man whose gloomy fortune telling had made the Arabs a menace to the success of the Allied war effort. I silently cut a slit in his tent and peeked in.

"He was asleep. I enlarged the hole and crawled across the floor of his tent. I found the letter. Not as quickly as it takes in the telling, but I found it. It was typed in Arabic. It did foretell a war to come in 1902. The letter was dated 1901. I put it back and as I, did so, he awoke. Without a sound he leaped. He landed on my back like a tigress defending her young."

Nick looked thoughtful for a moment. "I guess that was one of my closest calls. He caught me unawares. I managed to throw him off my back. I pulled my gun, but he sneered at me. He said in German 'Go ahead and shoot you idiot! You'll attract every Arab in camp! They'll tear you limb from limb!

"He was right. I didn't dare risk a shot. Instead, and this surprised him, I started to drop my gun. His eyes followed it and as they did, I clouted him. It was a peach, right on the button. He fell as tho' he'd been poleaxed!

"I tied him up with his own burnoose and left him."

Becf popped to his feet with a question.

you did, you left it there?"

Nick nodded. "That's right and for a very good reason. I figured it would do much more harm there, than if I stole it! I. desert never came to a head!" was right, too!

"That letter ended the menace in the desert!"

This time it was Sue who questioned Nick. "I'm afraid I'm obtuse too," she said. "Why did you leave it there? And how could it do the enemy any harm when you didn't take it?"

Nick smiled at their puzzlement. "Wait a minute, we're getting ahead of the story. I left the German 'Arab' tied and made my way back to my headquarters. Once there I asked them to get hold of some Arab chiefs who had not gone over to the enemy. I questioned them and found out that what the German spy was doing. He was having the various chiefs come in and see the letter. Once they saw the prophecy which had come true in the past, most of them joined in with the Jehad.

"The German had bribed some Arabs to swear that they had seen the letter before the small war which it predicted, broke out. The evidence of the letter and the Arabs was enough for most of the chiefs,

"I said when I started to tell you about this that it was my memory which cracked the case. It was. You see when I was in the fake Arab's tent looking at that letter I remembered one tiny thing that blew it all

"That was the reason I left the letter right where it was. I wanted it there, to act as evidence against the man who had faked it. You see the letter itself was enough to hoist the German spy with his own petard!

"You see," said Nick, "although typewriters were pretty common even among the Arabs by 1917, when all this happened, I knew when they were first made! The letter was supposed to have been written in 1901. It predicted a war in 1902. Well, that was all very fine, but no typewriter was made for the Arabic language till late in 1903!

"All I had to do was let the Arab chiefs know about this and they all realized that they had been tricked! They were consid-

"Wait a minute! You went to all that enably annoyed at the trick that the German trouble to find the letter and then when had played on them. We never had to worry about him again. With him dead, all the dissension died down, the Arabs came over to our side and the threatened menace in the

> All the members of the Inner Circle smiled at the end of Nick's story, but Beef. His brow was worried. Nick looked at him and asked, "What is it that puzzles you, Beef? Didn't I make everything about my Arabian jaunt clear?"



Beef said, "Oh sure. But you used an expression I've heard a hundred times and I don't know what it means. What does 'hoist with his own petard' mean?"

Nick was putting his hat on as he answered. "It's an expression that's come down to us from the middle ages. A petard was a land mine. It was used to blow open the portcullis on a fortress. But they didn't know too much about gunpowder in those days, so your own petard was likely to go off and hoist you up to the sky! Get it?"

Beef nodded. Then he chuckled. "Sure. I see. Hirohito is gonna get hoisted by his petard any day now! Right?"'

Nick smiled goodbye and said, "Right, my boy!"

The End.



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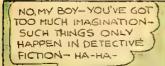














YOU MUST REMEMBER THAT NO ONE ABOARD THE BIG LINER KNEW DALGREN'S IDENTITY-HE HAD SAILED UNDER AN ASSUMED NAME AND WAS KNOWN AS MR. BURTON — MR. JEFFRIES SEEMED MUCH AMUSED AT 'MR. BURTON'S PREDICTION OF MURDER —



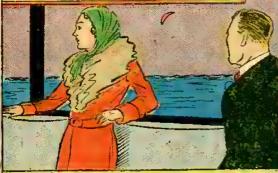
THE FIRST NIGHT AT SEA MR. JEFFRIES, ROD DERKS AND TWO OTHER MEN PLAYED CARDS IN THE SMOKE ROOM—ONE OF THE TWO LATTER PLAYERS WAS FAMILIAR TO DALGREN BY SIGHT—HE WAS A CARD SHARP—IT WAS ONE OF THOSE GAMES IN WHICH THE SUCKER" WAS NEVER GIVEN AN EVEN BREAK—THE FAMILIAR FACE WAS THAT OF ONE HORACE DESREAU WHO MADE A SMALL FORTUNE EACH TRIP DESPITE THE NOTICES POSTED THROUGHOUT THE SHIP WARNING PASSENGERS AGAINST PLAYING WITH UNKNOWN COMPANIONS——



HAVING BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH DERKS
IT WAS EASY TO PRETEND TO DERKS
THAT HE (DALGREN OR "BURTON") HAD LEFT
HIS PURSE IN DERKS STATEROOM—
DERKS, UNSUSPECTING, GAVE HIM THE
KEY TO THE ROOM—



IN DERKS ROOM DALGREN EXAMINED DERKS LUGGAGE CAREFULLY-HE FOUND NOTHING OF IM-PORTANCE - THE MOST INTERESTING OBJECT WAS THE PHOTOGRAPH OF A PRETTY WOMAN-

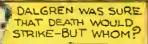


GOING UP TO THE MAIN DECK DALGREN WAS STARTLED TO SEE A WOMAN WHO LOOKED EXACTLY LIKE THE LADY IN THE PHOTOGRAPHWAS IT A MERE COINCIDENCE THAT SHE RESEMBLED THE PHOTO OR WAS SHE THE ORIGINAL?—IT WAS YERY STRANGE INDEED—



THAT NIGHT DALGREN WENT TO THE WIRELESS ROOM AND SENT A MESSAGE TO HIS EDITOR. IN NEW YORK-IT READ," MY HEART AT THY SWEET VOICE"—SIGNED "BURTON"—THE OPERATOR THOUGHT BOTH THE MESSAGE AND THE SENDER WERE CRAZY—HOWEVER, HE SENT IT—





MR. JEFFRIES ALWAYS
PAID HIS GAMBLING
LOSSES WITH CASH—
HE CARRIED PLENTY OF
IT— NO REASON FOR
DERKS TO KILL THE
GOOSE WITH THE GOLDEN
EGG—

DESREAU, THE CARD SHARP, WAS A GENTEEL CROOK WITH A SHADY PAST-BUT WHAT WOULD DERKS HAVE AGAINST HIM?

MISS REYNOLDS (THE YOUNG WOMAN) MIGHT BE INVOLVED-COULD SHE BE THE INTENDED VICTIM?-BING PONDERED LONG ON THESE THOUGHTS—

LISTEN, I KNEW WHO YOU WERE
ALL THE TIME-YOU'RE DALGREN
OF THE TIMES-NEWS-DON'T LIEI HAVE IMPORTANT PAPERS
IN THE SAFE IN THE PURSERS
OFFICE-IF ANYTHING HAPPENS
I WANT YOU TO HAVE THOSE
PAPERS-NOT THE MONEY—
YOU UNDERSTANDP-IF ANYTHING
HAPPENS, DALGREN-PROMISE ME-



THE CARD SHARP EVIDENTLY HAD HAD SOME DRINKS WHICH LOOSENED HIS TONGUE,—DALGREN LISTENED TO HIM, STRANGELY ASTONISHED—A CURIOUS THING TO BE TELLING HIM—

HAT FELLOW DESPEAU
HAS TAKEN ME FOR
\$18,500, BURTONBY THE WAY, WHERE
IS THAT MURDER
YOU PROMISED
ME WHEN WE SAILED?



MR. JEFFRIES HAD LOST \$18,500 CASH TO DESREAU-WAS DERKS GOING TO ATTEMPT TO GET IT FROM THE CARD SHARP?



ON THE 4TH NIGHT AT SEA DESREAU UNEXPECTEDLY IN-VITED DALGREN TO HIS STATE-ROOM-DESREAU WAS PLAINLY DESPERATELY WORRIED



LEAVING DESREAU'S ROOM BING ENCOUNTERED MISS REYNOLDS UP ON THE DECK—SHE WAS FEARFULLY DISTRAUGHT—DALGREN TRIED TO LEARN THE REASON—SHE REFUSED TO TELL HIM — BING NOW HAD A REAL SENSE OF SOMETHING TREMENDOUS ABOUT TO HAPPENHIS HUNCHES SELDOM FAILED—



LATER DALGREN, NOW WHIPPED UP TO ACTION LIKE A HOUND ON THE SCENT, OBSERVED MISS REYNOLDS FOLLOWING DERKS WHO WAS WALKING ON DECK IN THE SHAPOW—



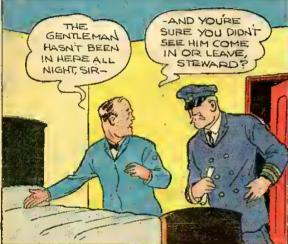
STILL LATER HE NOTICED MR JEFFRIES LEADING MISS REYNOLDS TO HER STATE-ROOM IN A FAINTING CONDITION-DALGREN FELT THE HOT BREATH OF IMPENDING TRAGEDY-



THE JE NIGHT OUT WAS STORMY—DALGREN HIMSELF, WAS NERVOUS-HE HAD SEEN MR. JEFFRIES, MR. DESREAU AND DERKS IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE SHIP—DERKS WAS ESPECIALLY HIGH-STRUNG, THOUGH HE TRIED TO CONCEAL IT—



THE SHIP WAS NOW ROLLING TO SUCH AN EXTENT THAT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO SIT AT THE CARD TABLES - OFFICERS ADVISED PASSENGERS TO RETIRE TO THEIR STATEROOMS



NEXT MORNING A STEWARD NOTED THAT MR.

DESREAU HAD NOT OCCUPIED HIS STATEROOM—
THE BED HAD BEEN UNDISTURBED—HE
RUSHE TO INFORM AN OFFICER.——



A MINUTE SEARCH WAS MADE OF THE ENTIRE LINER BUT IN VAIN-HORACE DESREAU HAD UTTERLY DISAPPEARED, LEAVING NO TRACE-



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HAVE OFFICERS MEET.
S. 5. ADELAIDE IN
HARBOR TO ARREST
PASSENGER FOR
MURDER OF HORACE
DE SREAU
DALGREN

MY TIMES - NEWS

FEELEY
NYTIMES-NEWS
GET STORY AND
PICTURES SET FOR
DESREAU MURDER.
ROD DERKS WILL
BE TAKEN BY
SCOTLAND YARD
OFFICERS AND
CHARGED WITH
THE KILLING.
I AM HIS ACCUSER.
DALGREN

DALGREN IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED THE CAPTAIN OF HIS SUSPICIONS— THEN HE SENT TWO WIRELESS MESSAGES; ONE TO SCOTLAND VARD, LONDON AND ONE TO JOHN FEELEYHIS EDITOR.—



BING REMEMBERED DESREAU'S REQUEST AND AGAIN ON DECK MET MISS REYNOLDS QUITE CALMLY SHE SUGGESTED THAT DALGREN TO OPEN THE PAPER'S THE SAFE CONTAINING THE PAPER'S MENTIONED BY DESREAU—



THE PURSER OPENED THE SAFE AND MISS REVNOLDS AND DALGREN READ THE CONTENTS OF THE PAPER'S WITH AMAZEMENT—IN THEM DESREAU, THE DEAD MAN, LITERALLY CONVICTED DERKS—



DALGREN. IN HIS IMAGINATION, SAW THE CPIME ENACTED DURING THE STORM AT SEA + LURING DESPEAU TO THE ART DECK THE TREACHEROUS DERKS FLUNG THE OVER, THE FAIL INTO THE BLACK WATER: WHICH SWALLOWED HIM, THE ONLY MAN WHO KNEW DERKS HOPTENED SECRET—NO ONL. HAD WITNESSED THE MURDER, OF DESPEAUDERS THOUGHT HE HAD BEATEN THE LAW AGAIN—



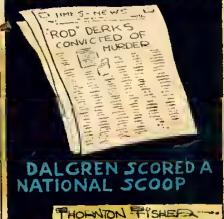
AS THE SHIP ENTERED THE HARBOR IT WAS METT BY A TUGBOAT BEARING OFFICERS FROM SCOTLAND YARD—"ROD" DERKS WAS SEIZED AND FRANTICALLY HE DENIED MURDERING DESREAU—



THEN DALGREN CHALLENGED DERKS AND CHARGED HIM WITH THE MURDER OF BOTH DESREAU AND TORCH GILLIGAN - MISS REYNOLDS CORROBORATED THE CHARGE - MISS REYNOLDS WAS AN OLD FRIEND OF DESREAU-DERKS DID NOT KNOW THIS AND THOUGHT HE COULD WIN HER HOW HE HAD OBTAINED HER PHOTO WAS NEVER REYEALED-



EXTRADITED TO THE UNITED STATES BY THE BRITISH DOWNER MENT DERKS WENT TO TRIAL A SHAFT PROSECUTOR DROVE HIM INTO A CORNER, CONFRONTED HIM WITH DESREAUS STATE MENT AND OTHER EYIDENCE - ROD" DERKS DIDN'T HAND AROUND LONG HIS LAST SEAT WAS THE ELECTRIC CHAR.





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